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14. Punjab	603	1,60,16,079	822	193
15. Rajasthan	1,544	2,76,42,000	211	431
16 Tamil Nadu	5,571	8,62,31,791	2,663	7,248
17. Uttar Pradesh	5,411	4,77,23,170	1,893	1,405
18 West Bengal	1,442	2,77,14,285	1,463	1,618
19. GMM New Delhi	78	4,67,13,634	1,063	925

Canadian Assistance for power Projects

2609. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of hydro-electric and/or thermal power projects which are presently under implementation with Canadian assistance; and

(b) what is the location of each project and what are the other details regarding these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The Chamera hydro-electric project, Phase-I (540 MW) in Himachal Pradesh is presently under implementation with Canadian assistance, at an estimated cost of Rs. 809.29 crores.

Comments on the working of Public Sector Undertakings

2610. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister made a statement in Madras and Bombay on the working of the public sector, particularly in connection with their failure to generate resources envisaged under the Plan;

(b) whether Government propose to review this policy on the working of the public sector to ensure efficient working and to reduce the control of the bureaucracy and to permit public sector management to enforce discipline amongst the workers; and

(c) whether Government propose to consider reducing the overstaffing of the public sector by permitting the Managers to adopt a policy of 'hire and fire' if targeted production is not forthcoming?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) According to the Press Reports, the Prime Minister in his speeches at Madras and Bombay dwelt on the need for improving the working of the public sector undertakings so that they can generate more internal resources.

(b) Government has been continuously reviewing its policy on the working of the public sector and taking appropriate action to improve their performance and productivity consistent with their autonomy and accountability.

(c) There is no need to adopt a "hire and fire" scheme as the public sector enterprises have sufficient powers to deal with inefficient employees.